(c) Due to paucity of Funds.

Science Education in Schools

2883. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any States have not been allocated funds under the Centrally sponsored scheme for improvement of science education in schools: and

(b) if so. the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) All the States have been provided financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Improvement of Science Education in Schools'.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

North Koel Nahar Project, Bihar

2884. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 'North Koel Nahar Project' of Bihar is the biggest and most important irrigation project:

(b) whether irrigation of Palamu. Aurangabad. Gaya, Jehanabad. Navada and Munger districts depend on this project: and

(c) if so, the time by which the above said project is likely to be completed and the steps taken by the Government to improve the irrigation situation in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) North Koel Project is one of the major on-going irrigation projects in Bihar.

(b) This project will benefit Palamu. Aurangabad and Gaya Districts.

(c) Irrigation is a State subject. The projects are planned. funded and implemented by the State Government from their own resources. Completion of the project d epends upon the priority given by the State Government.

[English]

Jawahar Novodaya Vidyalayas in J and K

2885. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNV) functioning in J and K States:

(b) the number of posts of teaching and non-teaching staff are lying vacant in Leh and Kargil Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas:

(c) the pass percentage of students in the JNVs of Leh and Kargil separately for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96:

(d) whether the classes of 11th and 12th have not been started in Leh and Kargil JNVs so far: and

(e) if so. the reasons for non filling up of posts. low academic standard result and non starting of classes of 11th and 12th in Leh and Kargil JNVs so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) 14 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) The number of teaching and non-teaching posts vacant in the Navodaya Vidyalayas of Leh and Kargil is as follows :

	Teaching	Non-Teaching
Leh	06	05
Kargil	07	01

(c) The pass percentage of students in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas of Leh and Kargil for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as under :

Pass percentage

	Leh		Kargil	
	X	XII	X	XII
1994-95	51.0	17.7	77.8	*
1995-96	23.3	83.3	78.6	100

* No students of Kargil Vidyalaya appeared in Class XII Examination in 1994-95.

(d) Class XI and XII were started at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. Leh but were discontinued. Class XI and XII have not been started at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. Kargil.

Students from both these Vidyalayas have shifted to other vidyalayas in the Region.

(e) The efforts made by the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya's to fill up the vacant posts have not been completely successful as many of the staff members were reluctant to join because of inadequate infrstructural facilities and the extreme climatic conditions, especially during the Winter months. at Leh and Kargil. Students of plus 2 level are shifted from these schools to the schools in plains in order to ensure that their academic performance is not affected adversely.